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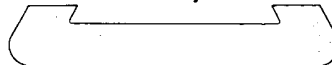
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(2-PART GRAPHIC)**SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY OPERATIONS**  
**CHANGONGO MILITARY AREA, ANGOLA**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A SOUTH AFRICAN MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION HAVE ARRIVED IN THE AREA [REDACTED] AND ARE PREPARING TO CROSS THE CUNENE RIVER BRIDGE. (SWN)

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2. **REMARKS:** EQUIPMENT IN CONVOY ON THE SOUTHERN APPROACH TO THE BRIDGE CONSISTS OF 23 RATEL ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC) AND FOUR TRUCKS (NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC 1). PART OF THE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION (NOT ON GRAPHIC) HAS ALREADY CROSSED THE RIVER. EQUIPMENT ON THE NORTH SIDE CONSISTS OF TWO RATEL APC, ONE POSSIBLE SCOUT CAR, AND FIVE TRUCKS. EQUIPMENT IN CONVOY FORMATIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHANGONGO (GRAPHIC 2) CONSISTS OF SIX ARTILLERY PRIME MOVERS (FOUR TOWING FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES), ONE RATEL APC, AND 17 TRUCKS (NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC). OTHER EQUIPMENT DISPERSED IN AND NEAR THE TOWN INCLUDES TWO RATEL APC, FOUR BUFFEL LIGHT ARMORED VEHICLES (LAV), AND 22 TRUCKS. ANOTHER CONVOY (NOT ON GRAPHIC) IS APPROXIMATELY 1.5 NM TO THE SOUTHEAST AND IS APPROACHING THE TOWN. THE EQUIPMENT IN THIS CONVOY AT 16-44-43S 015-02-32E CONSISTS OF AT LEAST SEVEN RATEL APC, FIVE EUFFEL LAV, FIVE POSSIBLE ARMORED SCOUT CARS, AND EIGHT TRUCKS. THIS MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION IS PROBABLY THE UNIT WHICH WAS ABSENT FROM OPERET MILITARY CAMP A BN HQ [REDACTED] IN NAMIBIA [REDACTED] AND WAS LAST OBSERVED IN GARRISON [REDACTED] OPERET IS APPROXIMATELY 165 NM SOUTHEAST OF CHANGONGO. (SWN)

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THE CUNENE RIVER BRIDGE, WHICH WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS IN 1981, WAS UNDERGOING REPAIRS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE BRIDGE NOW APPEARS TO BE SERVICEABLE.

A FERRY/PONTON IN THE RIVER NEAR THE BRIDGE WAS NOT PRESENT ON [REDACTED] (SWN)

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ONE CAMOUFLAGE-PAINTED KUDU OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT HAS ARRIVED AT CHANGONGO AIRFIELD [REDACTED] TWO PUMA AND TWO ALOUETTE HELICOPTERS REMAIN AT THE OLD PORTUGUESE FORT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIVER. (SWN)

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CHANGONGO IS 40 NM NORTH OF THE ANGOLA-NAMIBIA BORDER, ON THE  
MAIN NGIVA-CAHAMA HIGHWAY. (SWN)

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COORDINATES 16-45-00S 014-59-30E

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